

The Examiner advised that Applicant's reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the election species.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Any search of either embodiment of the Quick action clamping system is certain to include a search of the other, as well as a combination of the two. Accordingly, no additional burden would be placed on the Patent Office in searching all of the denoted groups together. By contrast, a very great burden will be placed on Applicant if this election/restriction requirement is maintained. Applicant will be subjected to several times the cost and effort in prosecuting several patent applications for an invention that should have been included in one, and will also be subjected to the continuing expense of maintaining several separate patents, whereas only one should be required to cover the full invention.

In addition, an additional burden will be placed on the public, in that the full scope of Applicant's invention will not be ascertainable from a single patent, and the public will have to find and study several patents to ascertain the full scope of Applicant's exclusive rights.

Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement. An early notice that the restriction requirement has been reconsidered and withdrawn is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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